Declaring 1857 uses places of Uttarakhand as monuments

†3141. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that prominent leaders of freedom struggle of 1857 took shelter in some parts of Uttarakhand State during the war;

(b) if so, the names of such freedom fighters and the places of their stay in Uttarakhand during that period;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop those places as monuments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per information received from the Government of Uttarakhand, late Shri Vijay singh, prominent freedom fighter amongst those who participated in the freedom struggle of 1857, had taken shelter in village Kunja Bahadarpur, Tehsil Roorkee, District Haridwar of Uttarakhand. A martyr's memorial constructed in his memory is already in existence in village Kunja Bahadarpur.

Declaring memorial of Shri Abbas Tayyabji a National Monument

†3142. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from various organisations and public representatives to declare the memorial of great freedom fighter late Shri Abbas Tayyabji situated in Mussoorie (Uttarakhand) as national monument;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has taken decision in this regard keeping in veiw his special contribution in national freedom movement and promotion of national integrity;

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when the memorial would be declared as national monument; and

(d) the details of steps to be taken to preserve this memorial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Committee to look into pending cases of freedom fighters pension

3143. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government appointed a committee to look into the pending requests for freedom fighters pension;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the committee has started functioning;

(d) if so, the meetings held and pending requests cleared; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay in commencing the functioning of the committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (e) The Government has constituted two Committees, namely, (i) the